Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

"Blessed be God forever ! "

"The Kingdom of God is among you." Luke 17:21

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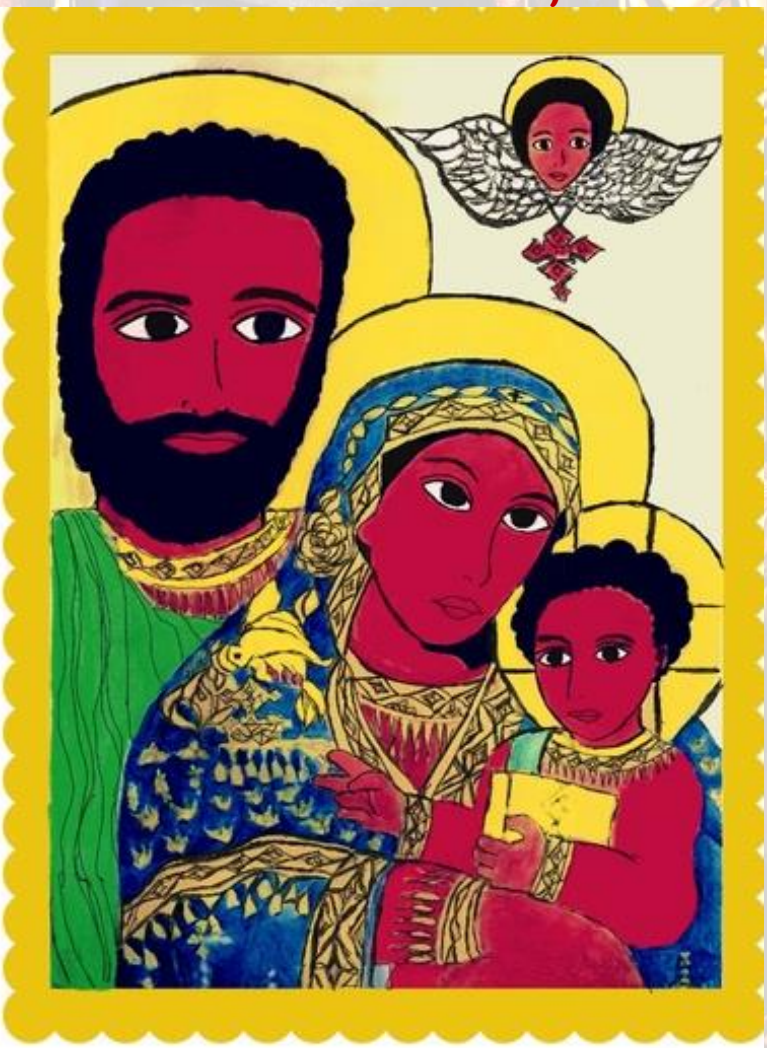
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

Dear Church Family…

Which Christmas song is rooted in the Word of God: "Mary, did you know?" or "the Song of Mary?"

"Mary Did You Know" is a very popular Christian praise and worship song that debuted in 1991, written and performed by members of the Gaither Vocal Band. The song has a series of questions, all asking pregnant Mary, the Mother of Jesus, various things about her ongoing relationship in giving birth to the Son of God. It ranges from whether she knew that her baby was God himself in the flesh to questions about His miracles.

The song itself has an attractive melody and it seems to exhibit well the vocal skills of various artists. It is a song that paints a picture of our Lady as a disciple who does not have any or very little understanding of her role as the Mother of God and Her Son as the long awaited Messiah. It is easy to see that our Blessed Mother did not understand perfectly her role in the Mystery of the Incarnation and Salvation History; hence the reason she asked the Archangel Gabriel the following questions.

Who having heard, was troubled at his saying, and thought within herself what manner of salutation this should be? (Luke 1:29) And Mary said unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? (Luke 1:34)

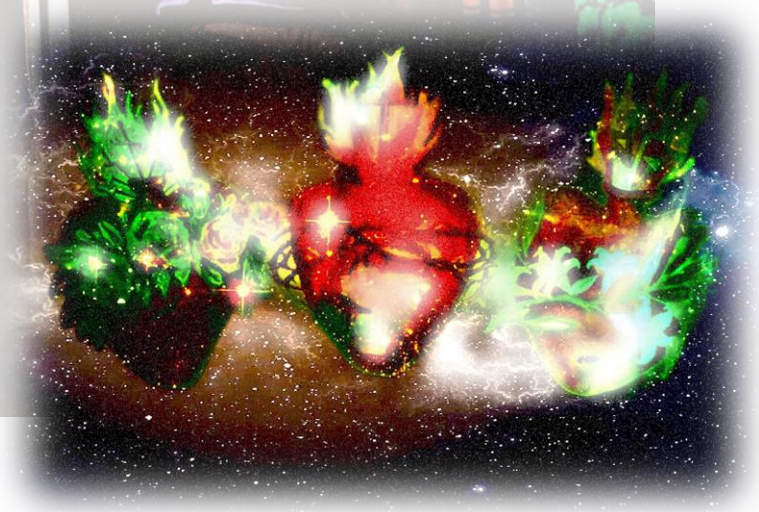
I think the song is popular because the questions are not revealing our Lady's ignorance about the Mystery of the Incarnation, but rather our own ignorance of Holy Mary's role in this sublime Mystery.

Even fundamental Christians understand the Incarnation is a deep Mystery, but they don't understand that our Blessed Mother had some insights along her faith journey that helped her have an active participation in that Mystery. The proof of this active participation of our Lady is found in the Canticle of Mary which is a song that is rooted in the Sacred Scriptures.

This song beautifully answers those questions of how much the Mother of God understood about what God did not only for her personally as the first disciple of Christ, but also for the Israelites, Church, and even the whole world. This is the reason why praying the Holy Rosary is helpful in preparing ourselves for Advent because Mary did know and she wants to help us know as well.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm: He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree. He has filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy;
As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever. (Luke 1:46-55)

In J.M.J
Fr. Mekonnen



7:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, December 26, 2021
Church Family

Monday, December 27, 2021
Faye Rich

Tuesday, December 28, 2021
Francis Manley
Wednesday, December 29 , 2021
Thomas Boyle

Thursday, December 30 , 2021
John La Fond
Friday, December 31, 2021
John Curran

BIBLE STUDY
WITH DEACON BURTON

THURSDAY 6:30 PM
NEW LOG IN…
Meeting ID: 570 117 8316
Phone# +6468769923,,5701178316

If you are sick or in the hospital, please contact the Church Office, 215.228.8330 for a visit.

If anyone is in need of food, please contact Deacon Burton or call the Church Office, 215.228.8330

Let us pray for the Sick…

We pray for all in our Church Family who are sick and those who care for them: Harold Bond, Muriel Booker, Dorothy Bradley, Christopher Browne, Bill Bromley, Andre Carter, Barbara Carter, Janice Whitmore Carter, Lamont Chase, Donna Collier, Ella Combs, Danielle Daniels, John Davis, Stephanie Durrell, Barbara Dunn, George Ellington, Sharon Faison, Shirley Fields, Janice Floyd, Charing Garnett, Paul Giovetsis, Martina Granger, Jeffrey Gray, Kerry Hall, Theresa Hart, Vainida Hampton, Lynette Ford-Havens, Harry W. Hubbard, Jeffrey Johnson, Marie Lawrencin, Mary Livingston, Tiffani Livsey, Hazel Marsh, Yakaisha Marsh, Lisa McLoed, Donna Moorhead, Marva Murray, William Patterson, Norma Plenty, James Porter, Kevin Reaves, Andre Roberts, Elias Robinson, Ira Robinson, Gloria Russell, Doris Simmons, Lois Streeter, Taylor Stringer, Renee Turner, Vicente Velazquez, Audrey Victor, William Victor, Tyanna Wallace Lisa Williams, Mary Jean Williams, Sylvia Williams, Augustus Johnson, Cheryl Wright.

HOLY ROSARY ONLINE
WEDNESDAY 6:30PM
ZOOM Meeting# 282 564 5789
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